

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION **October 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: The Ritter Building
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: J. Lattanzi, J. Mendoza, R. Trakimas.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by J. Lattanzi. Second by R. Trakimas. September, 19/August 22, 2013 Minutes approved.

Draft letter to local farmers for informational directory was reviewed and approved.

Discussion followed concerning procedure and timing of getting Right to Farm By-Law on docket for Town Meeting.

Extension of land lease agreements and bidding was discussed further, including forest management revenue possibilities and a survey of potentially available agricultural land in town. The Planning Board liaison recommended planning a joint AGCOM/CONCOM meeting in the near future.

Right to Farm By-Law final draft was provided J. Lattanzi to be reviewed by members for next meeting.

Farmer's Market update concluded that attendance was improved by holding market on Sunday. Invitation to the market manager to a meeting for discussion of market policies and promotion is to be extended. Creating a "Friends of the AGCOM" group to assist in advertising, etc. was suggested.

Meeting was opened to public and discussion focused on agricultural education and the new school building project. Cost effective alternatives to the proposed greenhouse were considered. The growing trend of school meal programs using locally grown agricultural products was discussed as a way of connecting students to agriculture. Encouraging the STEP/Guidance program to strengthen relationships between students and local farms and the incorporation of science labs and outdoor gardening was considered. The FINCOM liaison strongly recommended that AGCOM members bring their ideas to upcoming School Building meetings.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm at The Ritter Building and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey L. Mendoza